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**Summaries of 2008 Community Connect Broadband Grants
July 30, 2008**

Alaska

Copper Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.

Tatilek, Alaska

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

Contact: David Dengel, (907) 835-2231

County: Valdez-Cordoza; 1st Congressional District

Rural Development funding was awarded to Copper Valley Telephone Coop., Inc. to provide broadband services to Tatilek, Alaska. Tatilek is a traditional Alutiiq coastal village, with 96% of the population being Alaska Natives. The Chugachmiut Clinic and the Tatitlek Community Center will receive free high speed internet access for two years.

Arkansas

Nexus Systems, Inc.

Chidester, Arkansas

Grant Amount: \$683,009

Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750

County: Ouachita; 4th Congressional District

Nexus Systems, Inc. will use Rural Development funds to provide broadband service to the community of Chidester, Arkansas through a wireless network. Nexus will implement a community center in the main building of the Chidester Municipal Complex. Organizations that will receive broadband service free of charge for two years include: the town hall, police department, library, and senior citizens center.

Almega Cable, Inc.

Reader, Arkansas

Grant Amount: \$656,454

Contact: Thomas Kurien, (817) 685-9588

County: Nevada; 4th Congressional District

Rural Development funds will be used to provide broadband services to the community of Reader, Arkansas through a Hybrid Fiber Coax CMTS network. The community will benefit from increased public safety, improved health care, additional educational opportunities, and economic benefits to all. The Town Hall, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the Reader Community Center will receive two years of free broadband access.

Almega Cable, Inc.
Wabaseka, Arkansas
Grant Amount: \$591,835
Contact: Thomas Kurien, (817) 685-9588
County: Jefferson; 4th Congressional District

Almega Cable, Inc. will be providing broadband service to Wabaseka, Arkansas with Rural Development funding. Organizations that will receive broadband service free of charge for two years include: the Township Hall, the Police Department, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the Wabaseka Community Center. Broadband services will give students of Wabaseka research capabilities and access to potential opportunities for a higher education.

California

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
Woodfords, California
Grant Amount: \$464,200
Contact: Debby Carlson, (775) 265-8629
County: Alpine; 2nd Congressional District

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California was awarded Rural Development funds to provide broadband services to the community of Woodfords, California. Broadband will be available to elementary and high school students, which will let them explore and appreciate their Native American heritage while at the same time developing a regional, national, and international outlook. In addition, Brigham Young University's long-distance learning will be available for students wishing to complete courses that enable them to graduate.

Idaho

First Step Internet, LLC

Ferdinand, Idaho

Grant Amount: \$213,053

Contact: Kevin Owen, (208) 882-8869

County: Idaho; 2nd Congressional District

First Step Internet, LLC will provide broadband services to Ferdinand, Idaho with Rural Development funds. Ferdinand, a community inside the Nez Perce Indian Reservation, will benefit from a Community Center outfitted with routers, computers and printers available to the public for two years free of charge. The City Hall will also benefit in the same way.

Michigan

Air Advantage, LLC

Applegate, Michigan

Grant Amount: \$223,862

Contact: Scott Zimmer, (989) 652-9500

County: Sanilac; 10th Congressional District

Air Advantage, LLC will use Rural Development funds to offer broadband services to the community of Applegate, Michigan. The grant will help enhance fire, police, ambulance, and public sector organizations through the use of high speed Internet for education and information opportunities, telemedicine services and enhanced communications. The Applegate Community Center will be available to residents free of charge for a two-year period.

Mississippi

Nexus Systems, Inc.

Mayersville, Mississippi

Grant Amount: \$615,166

Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750

County: Issaquena; 2nd Congressional District

Through Rural Development funds, Nexus Systems, Inc. will be providing broadband services to Mayersville, Mississippi. Eight community organizations will benefit with two free years of broadband service including the Mayersville Community Center, which will provide new jobs to the local community through Rural Development funding.

New Hampshire

White Mountain Cablevision, LLC

Dixville, New Hampshire

Grant Amount: \$514,500

Contact: Jim Feeney, (405) 843-9966

County: Coos; 2nd Congressional District

White Mountain Cablevision, Inc. will use Rural Development funds to provide broadband access to Dixville, New Hampshire. The Dixville Broadband network will use a Fixed Wireless WiMax system. White Mountain Cablevision will open a Community Center equipped with the latest personal computers all networked to a laser printer for public use, and will offer its personnel to assist with web page design and hosting of community member's sites.

Northern Community Investment Corp.

Stratford, New Hampshire

Grant Amount: \$578,150

Contact: Jon Freeman, (802) 748-5101 ext. 12

County: Coos; 2nd Congressional District

Rural Development funds will be used to offer Stratford, New Hampshire broadband services through Northern Community Investment Corp. A community center will be established, providing high speed broadband services and internet access to residents unable to afford residential services. It will also serve as a location for training of town critical services personnel as well as adult education technology training.

New Mexico

GEO PCS, LLC

Black Rock, New Mexico

Grant Amount: \$856,611

Contact: Gregory Ofili, (404) 457-3235

County: McKinley; 3rd Congressional District

Rural Development funds given to GEO PCS, LLC will be used to provide broadband services to residents, businesses, and public entities of Black Rock, New Mexico. The community will enjoy the cost savings and convenience of health management, through a video conference network, linked to nearby healthcare facilities and the state Telemedicine network, as well as educational, economic, and public safety benefits.

GEO PCS, LLC
Salem, New Mexico
Grant Amount: \$857,161
Contact: Gregory Ofili, (404) 457-3235
County: Dona Ana; 2nd Congressional District

GEOPCS, LLC will use Rural Development funding to provide broadband services to Salem, New Mexico. With broadband, the community expects to see local economic development, tele-work resource development, entrepreneurial resource development, and improvement of educational resources. A community center will be built with the funds, providing free broadband access to residents for two years.

Nevada

Arizona Nevada Tower Corporation
Walker Lake, Nevada
Grant Amount: \$993,704
Contact: Kevin Hayes, (702) 491-2937
County: Mineral; 2nd Congressional District

Arizona Nevada Tower Corporation will use Rural Development funds to provide broadband access to Walker Lake, Nevada through a wireless Mesh Technology network. The Community Connect Center will be located in the Fire Department and will be equipped with ten workstations. With no local library, the center's broadband capability will allow residents access to literature and multimedia movies, news, and entertainment.

Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of Fallon Reservation & Colony
Fallon Indian Reservation & Colony, Nevada
Grant Amount: \$432,000
Contact: Jon Pishion, (775) 423-3321
County: Fallon; 2nd Congressional District

Rural Development funds will be used to provide broadband services to the Fallon Indian Reservation and Colony of Nevada. The tribe's wireless system will provide access to a number of facilities, including the Tribal Housing Authority, Maintenance and Natural Resource Department, the Stepping Stones emergency Youth Shelter, and the Stillwater Senior Center. The Community Center will offer residents a fully-functional computer lab, educational assistance programs, and distance education courses on telemedicine.

Oklahoma

@Link Services, LLC

Lima, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$544,164

Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 843-9966

County: Seminole; 5th Congressional District

@Link Services will use Rural Development funding to provide broadband services to the community of Lima, Oklahoma. A new volunteer fire department will benefit from two free years of broadband service, as well as the Lima Town Hall, New Lima K-12 School, and the Community Center which will open thanks to the funds.

Tennessee

Pinnacle Ventures

Nanki Poo, Tennessee

Grant Amount: \$246,448

Contact: Christopher Young, (731) 286-6275

County: Lauderdale; 8th Congressional District

Pinnacle Ventures will use Rural Development funds to provide wireless Broadband service to the community of Nanki Poo, Tennessee. The Community Center will be housed in the current Rescue Squad facility. Internet training, career and opportunity courses, and online rescue squad classes will be made available at the center.

Texas

Almega Cable, Inc.

Pawnee, Texas

Grant Amount: \$621,610

Contact: Thomas Kurien, (817) 685-9588

County: Bee; 15th Congressional District

Rural Development funds will be used to offer broadband services to the community of Pawnee, Texas through Almega Cable, Inc. They will provide two year complementary service to community organizations including the Town Offices, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Pawnee Emergency Squad, the Pawnee Elementary School, and the new Pawnee Community Center. The Town of Pawnee will utilize the facility to offer continuing adult education classes that will focus on the needs of the older population who desire to acquire a technical trade or a college degree.

Virginia

Lenowisco, Inc. I

Blackwater, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$759,600

Contact: Ron Flanary, (276) 431-2206

County: Lee; 9th Congressional District

Lenowisco, Inc. will be providing broadband services to Blackwater, Virginia through Rural Development funding. The Lenowisco Rural Area Network (RAN), one of the first conceived in the United States, is based on fiber-optics, using a blown fiber-optic installation method. Workshop topics offered at the new Community Center will include an introduction to computers, basic software applications, email, online research, e-commerce, digital photography, web design, and web page development.

County of Bland, Virginia

Mechanicsburg, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$311,300

Contact: Jonothan Sweet, (276) 688-4622

County: Bland; 9th Congressional District

Rural Development funds will be used to offer broadband services to the community of Mechanicsburg, Virginia. The County of Bland intends to implement a wireless system that can provide service to the Holly Brook Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department and the community center. The community center will be used for the training and support of all residents in technical as well as small business functions, such as, Microsoft office, email correspondence, financial spreadsheets, and how to use the internet for research.

Almega Cable, Inc.

Trammel, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$549,890

Contact: Thomas Kurien, (817) 685-9588

County: Dickenson; 9th Congressional District

Almega Cable, Inc. will provide broadband services to the community of Trammel, Virginia. Through Rural Development funding, the Township Hall, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, Elementary School, and High School will benefit with two years of free broadband access. This will benefit students, who can use the community center as a place to help and further their education.

Tazewell County
Tannersville, Virginia
Grant Amount: \$855,000
Contact: James Spencer, (276) 988-1200
County: Tazewell; 9th Congressional District

Tazewell County will provide broadband services to residents and businesses of Tannersville, Virginia. Rural Development funds will be used to develop a wireless service delivery system network to provide internet services to the Community Center, the fire department, and the rescue squad for two years free of charge. The Community Center is expected to open in 2009 and will offer free training workshops to the community members.

Scott County Telephone Cooperative
Yuma, Virginia
Grant Amount: \$999,207
Contact: William Franklin, (276) 452-9119
County: Scott; 9th Congressional District

With Rural Development funds, Scott County Telephone Cooperative (SCTC) will offer broadband services to Yuma, Virginia. SCTC will provide free service to the Yuma Fire/Rescue Department, Yuma Ruritan Club, and the Yuma Elementary School. The school will no longer be the only school in Scott County that does not have a fiber connection to the Wide Area Network that SCTC supplies to the Scott County School System.

Washington

Wired or Wireless, Inc.
Malden, Washington
Grant Amount: \$671,008
Contact: William Geibel, (509) 892-5877
County: Whitman; 5th Congressional District

Rural Development funding given to Wired or Wireless, Inc. will provide broadband services to Malden, Washington. With broadband, regional services can locate offices within the town and offer better health care, postal service, police service, retirement facilities, dental care, and correctional services. Malden City Hall, Malden Police Station, Malden Fire Station, and a new Community Center will receive broadband free for two years.

West Virginia

WV Wisp, LLC

Reedy, West Virginia

Grant Amount: \$628,200

Contact: Frank Waybright, (304) 372-2670

County: Roane; 2nd Congressional District

Reedy, West Virginia is a rural community in Roane County with an estimated population of 198. WV WISP will provide wireless broadband services to the Reedy Volunteer Fire Department, Reedy Elementary School, and community center in addition to the community's residents. The center's employees will provide users with training on computer and internet usage.

Wyoming

Wyoming.com

Atlantic City, Wyoming

Grant Amount: \$622,447

Contact: Steven Mossbrook, (307) 856-6400

County: Fremont; 1st Congressional District

Wyoming.com received Rural Development funding to provide broadband services to Atlantic City, Wyoming. Motorola Canopy antennas with a capability of up to 14Mbps will serve as the basis for the system. High-speed internet connectivity will allow the residents to communicate with loved ones, use online education programs, and provide emergency access services.